

Another example of the risk of media consolidation and usurping of public airways to meet the political agenda of individuals is being evidenced by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary.

Having lived through those turbulent times, I recall how divisive they were, and how difficult it was for all of us to reconcile our differences and move forward. Unquestionably the actions of Kerry were seen as negative and inflammatory by some; they were seen by others as a chilling but rational look at the consequences of Vietnam policy.

My problems with the showing of this on public airways is two fold. First, it seems incredible to try to count this as news. Since there is nothing new revealed in this story, it seems to be more in the nature of a documentary. Second, as a documentary, it promises to be extremely one-sided, bordering on propaganda. It would seem that FCC regulations would require equal time be given to present a fair and balanced perspective.

I urge you to take positive action to fulfill your responsibilities to ensure our public airwaves are used for the common good.

Thank you,

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